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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

(1) The paragraph from page 4, line 3 to page 4, line 13 has been amended as follows:

Suppose the navigation system is in the route guidance mode as shown in Figure 2A to guide the user to the selected destination. During such a trip, the user may want to use the navigation system to other purposes, such as to search for a gas station or a restaurant on the way to the destination. For example, if the user wants to find a Japanese restaurant on the way to the destination, he has to change the screen of the navigation system to the POI search screen as shown in Figure 2B. During such a search mode, the route guidance information such as Figure 2A is unavailable and the user may not be able to turn at the appropriate intersection.

(2) The paragraph from page 7, line 13 to page 7, line 16 has been amended as follows:

Figures 3A-3B are schematic diagrams showing examples of screen display in the conventional navigation system ~~where~~ when the navigation system is changed to display modes other than route guidance mode.

(3) The paragraph from page 8, line 11 to page 8, line 18 has been amended as follows:

~~Figure Figures~~ 10A and 10B are schematic diagrams showing examples of display in the present invention in which a route guidance information screen is superposed with another screen

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when the user has changed the screen to a menu screen in the middle of the route guidance mode. Figure 10A shows an example of display when the route guidance screen is maximized, and Figure 10B shows an example of display when the route guidance screen is minimized.

(4) The paragraph from page 11, line 6 to page 8, line 18 has been amended as follows:

Information needed for ~~the~~ superposing the route guidance screen may be temporarily stored in the buffer memory 48 for data processing. When detecting the change of the screen from the normal route guidance mode, the route guidance display controller 47 evaluates the type of new screen on the monitor 50 to check if there is any sufficient space for displaying the route guidance screen. If there is such a space, the route guidance display controller 47 causes the monitor 50 to display the route guidance screen in the space. If there is not a sufficient space, the route guidance display controller 47 causes the monitor 50 to display the route guidance screen over the image of the other screen.

(5) The paragraph from page 13, line 24 to page 13, line 34 has been amended as follows:

Figures 6-9, 10A-10B and 11A-11B show display examples of route guidance screen in accordance with the present invention. Figure 6 shows an example of a display illustrating a main menu screen of the navigation system in

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which a route guidance screen 51a is inserted in a vacant space at the right side of the screen. The main menu screen of Figure 6 is similar to that shown in Figure 3A except that the route guidance screen 51a is included in the vacant space. The example of Figure 6 takes advantage of the empty area of the new screen by placing the route guidance screen 51a therein to inform the user about the next maneuver.

(6) The paragraph from page 14, line 1 to page 14, line 10 has been amended as follows:

In the example of Figure 6, the route guidance screen 51a shows an image of the next intersection at which the user should turn, an arrow showing a direction of the turn, and an identification of the intersecting street, typically a name of the street. Thus, the route guidance screen 51a includes sufficient information for constantly reminding the user about the next move. In this manner, when the user is in the route guidance mode, ~~it~~ the present invention can constantly provide the route guidance information even when the user changes the screen.

(7) The paragraph from page 14, line 11 to page 14, line 21 has been amended as follows:

Figure 7 shows another example of the present invention in which the screen illustrates a route guidance screen 51b at the right side thereof. This screen is similar to that shown in Figure 6 except that the route guidance screen 51b is a

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more simplified one compared to the route guidance screen 51a shown in Figure 6. As shown in Figure 7, the route guidance screen 51b has only an arrow indicating the direction of the next turn and the street name where the maneuver is to be taken. Since a vacant space available to show guidance information can be small, a simplified representation is sometimes preferred to effectively convey the information to the user.

(8) The paragraph from page 16, line 23 to page 16, line 32 has been amended as follows:

As described above, the navigation system of the present invention is capable of constantly informing the user about the route to the destination even when the user changes the screen to another screen in the middle of the route guidance mode. The route guidance screen may be inserted in a vacant space of the new screen or superposed on the image on the new screen. The size and position of the route guidance screen can be changed freely so that the user can enjoy optimum use of the information on the current screen and the route guidance information.